

Kathryn Wasserman Davis | Class of 1934

Kathryn Wasserman Davis led a remarkable life as a foreign affairs scholar, author and distinguished philanthropist. Her life's work was devoted to the promotion of lasting peace in the world, a lifelong ambition that culminated on her 100th birthday when she launched Projects for Peace (Projects for Peace offers 100 prizes of USD 10,000 to students whose projects contribute to peacebuilding in their local communities).



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By age four, Kathryn Wasserman Davis was waving flags at suffragist parades. After graduating from Wellesley College in 1928, she hopped a flight from Finland to the USSR to do an anthropologic excursion into the Caucasus Mountains.



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Years after obtaining her doctorate at the Geneva Graduate Institute, Kathryn Wasserman Davis generously donated the funds necessary to build the Geneva Graduate Institute's exceptional Library, which is named in honour of both her and her husband.



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Kathryn Davis, her husband Shelby Cullom Davis and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher shared an interest in the Heritage Foundation.



